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Sir:

Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the prior art documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Listed therein is co-pending application serial number 09/806,994, as well as the references cited therein, which may overlap with the references already of record in this application. Additionally, please note that applicant is not in the possession of an English language translation of DE 209979, as applicant learned of this reference solely via citation by the examiner in the co-pending application.

Applicants present these documents so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Applicants respectfully request that these documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Enclosed is Check No. 18702 in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee for submitting an Information Disclosure Statement after the first Office Action but before Final Rejection pursuant to Rule 97(c)(1) and (2) and Rule 17(p). In the event any other necessary fee is due, it may be charged to the undersigned's deposit account no. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,



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